

OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER
STATE MANDATED COSTS CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS NO. 2003-08

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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In accordance with Government Code (GC) sections 17560 and 17561, eligible claimants may submit claims to the State Controller's Office (SCO) for reimbursement of costs incurred for state-mandated cost programs. This document contains claiming instructions and forms that eligible claimants must use for filing claims for the Absentee Ballots (AB) program. The Parameters and Guidelines (P's & G's) are included as an integral part of the claiming instructions.

On June 17, 1981, the Board of Control, predecessor agency to the Commission on State Mandates (CSM), determined that Elections Code section 3003, as added by Chapter 77, Statutes of 1978, and Chapter 920, Statutes of 1994, established costs mandated by the State according to the provisions listed in the Amended P's & G's.

Chapter 1032, Statutes of 2002 (AB 3005) required the CSM to amend the P's & G's to delete school districts, as defined by GC section 17519, from the list of eligible claimants. Rather than billing school districts for election services, the school districts must file a claim directly with the SCO for reimbursement of these costs.

Exception

There will be no reimbursement for any period in which the Legislature has suspended the operation of a mandate pursuant to state law.

Eligible Claimants

Except for community colleges, any school district, as defined in GC section 17519 that has incurred increased costs as a direct result of administering their own election program in compliance with Chapter 77, Statutes of 1978, is eligible to claim for reimbursement. School districts cannot claim reimbursement when the county election official administers a school district election. Separate claiming instructions were issued for community colleges; refer to Absentee Ballots, program 231.

Reimbursement Claim Deadline

Claims for the **2011-2012** fiscal year may be filed by **February 15, 2013**, without a late penalty. **Claims filed more than one year after the filing date will not be accepted.**

Penalty

- **Initial Claims**

When filed within one year of the initial filing deadline, claims are assessed a late penalty of 10% of the total amount of the initial claim without limitation pursuant to GC section 17561, subdivision (d)(3).

- **Annual Reimbursement Claim**

When filed within one year of the annual filing deadline, claims are assessed a late penalty of 10% of the claim amount; \$10,000 maximum penalty, pursuant to GC section 17568.

Minimum Claim Cost

GC section 17564, subdivision (a), provides that no claim may be filed pursuant to Sections 17551 and 17561, unless such a claim exceeds one thousand dollars (**\$1,000**), provided that a county superintendent of schools may submit a combined claim on behalf of school districts within their county if the combined claim exceeds **\$1,000**, even if the individual school district's claim does not each exceed **\$1,000**. If the total costs for a given fiscal year do not exceed \$1,000, no reimbursement will be allowed except as otherwise allowed by GC section 17564. The county superintendent of schools will determine if the submission of the combined claim is economically feasible and be responsible for disbursing the funds to each school district. These combined claims may be filed only when the county superintendent of schools is the fiscal agent for the districts. A combined claim must show the individual claim costs for each eligible school district. All subsequent claims based upon the same mandate will only be filed in the combined form unless a school district provides a written notice of its intent to file a separate claim to the county superintendent of schools and to the SCO at least 180 days prior to the deadline for filing the claim.

Reimbursement of Claims

To be eligible for mandated cost reimbursement for any fiscal year, only actual costs may be claimed. These costs must be traceable and supported by source documents that show the validity of such costs, when they were incurred, and their relationship to the reimbursable activities. A source document is created at or near the same time the actual cost was incurred for the event or activity in question. Source documents may include, but are not limited to, employee time records or time logs, sign-in sheets, invoices, and receipts.

Evidence corroborating the source documents may include, but is not limited to, worksheets, cost allocation reports (system generated), purchase orders, contracts, agendas, training packets, and declarations. Declarations must include a certification or declaration stating: "I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct," and must further comply with the requirements of Code of Civil Procedure section 2015.5.

Evidence corroborating the source documents may include data relevant to the reimbursable activities otherwise in compliance with local, state, and federal government requirements. However, these documents cannot be substituted for source documents.

Audit of Costs

All claims submitted to the SCO are subject to review to determine if costs are related to the mandate, are reasonable and not excessive, and if the claim was prepared in accordance with the SCO's claiming instructions and the P's & G's adopted by the CSM. If any adjustments are made to a claim, the claimant will be notified of the amount adjusted, and the reason for the adjustment.

On-site audits will be conducted by the SCO as deemed necessary. Pursuant to GC section 17558.5, subdivision (a), a reimbursement claim for actual costs filed by a claimant is subject to audit by the SCO no later than three years after the date the actual reimbursement claim was filed or last amended, whichever is later. However, if no funds were appropriated or no payment was made to a claimant for the program for the fiscal year for which the claim was filed, the time for the SCO to initiate an audit will commence to run from the date of initial payment of the claim.

All documents used to support the reimbursable activities must be retained during the period subject to audit. If an audit has been initiated by the SCO during the period subject to audit, the retention period is extended until the ultimate resolution of any audit findings. Supporting documents must be made available to the SCO on request.

Record Retention

All documentation to support actual costs claimed must be retained for a period of three years after the date the claim was filed or last amended, whichever is later. If no funds were appropriated or no payment was made at the time the claim was filed, the time for the Controller to initiate an audit will be from the date of initial payment of the claim. Therefore, all documentation to support actual costs claimed must be retained for the same period, and must be made available to the SCO on request.

Claim Submission

Submit a signed original Form FAM-27 and one copy with required documents. **Please sign the Form FAM-27 in blue ink and attach the copy to the top of the claim package.**

Mandated costs claiming instructions and forms are available online at the SCO's website: **www.sco.ca.gov/ard_mancost.html**.

Use the following mailing addresses:

If delivered by
U.S. Postal Service:

Office of the State Controller
Attn: Local Reimbursements Section
Division of Accounting and Reporting
P.O. Box 942850
Sacramento, CA 94250

If delivered by
other delivery services:

Office of the State Controller
Attn: Local Reimbursements Section
Division of Accounting and Reporting
3301 C Street, Suite 700
Sacramento, CA 95816

If you have any questions, you may e-mail **LRSDAR@sco.ca.gov** or call the Local Reimbursements Section at (916) 324-5729.

PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES AMENDMENT

Elections Code Sections 3003 and 3024

Statutes 1978, Chapter 77
Statutes 2002, Chapter 1032

Absentee Ballots

I. SUMMARY OF THE MANDATE

Elections Code section 3003, as added by Statutes 1978, chapter 77, and amended by Statutes 1994, chapter 920, requires that absentee ballots be available to any registered voter.¹ The Board of Control, predecessor agency to the Commission on State Mandates, determined at its hearing of June 17, 1981, that a reimbursable state mandate requiring an “increased level of service” exists in Statutes 1978, chapter 77. Under prior law, absentee ballots were provided only when the following conditions were met:

- a. illness,
- b. absence from precinct at day of election,
- c. physical handicap,
- d. conflicting religious commitments, or
- e. voter’s residence is more than ten miles from his polling place.

Elections Code section 3024, as added by Statutes 2002, chapter 1032² requires the Commission on State Mandates to amend these parameters and guidelines to “delete school districts, county boards of education, and community college districts from the list of eligible claimants.”

AB 3005 specifies that the cost to administer absentee ballots when issues and elective offices related to school districts, as defined by Government Code section 17519, are included on a ballot election with non-education issues and elective offices shall not be fully or partially prorated to a school district.

II. ELIGIBLE CLAIMANTS

“Local agencies,” as defined in Government Code section 17518, that have incurred increased costs as a direct result of this mandate are eligible to claim reimbursement of those costs.

“School districts,” as defined in Government Code section 17519, that have incurred increased costs as a direct result of administering their own election program are eligible to claim reimbursement of those costs. School districts cannot claim reimbursement when the county election official administers a school district election.

III. PERIOD OF REIMBURSEMENT

Actual costs for one fiscal year should be included in each claim. Estimated costs for the subsequent year may be included on the same claim, if applicable. Pursuant to Government Code section 17561, subdivision (d)(1), all claims for reimbursement of initial years costs shall be submitted within 120 days of issuance of the claiming instructions by the State Controller.

¹ Statutes 1994, chapter 920 only renumbered Elections Code section 3003.

² Assembly Bill No. 3005 (2001-2002 Reg. Sess.), hereafter referred to as AB 3005.

For initial claims and annual claims filed prior to September 30, 2002, including amendments thereof, if the total costs for a given fiscal year do not exceed \$200, no reimbursement shall be allowed except as otherwise allowed by Government Code section 17564. For initial claims and annual claims filed on or after September 30, 2002, if the total costs for a given fiscal year do not exceed \$1000, no reimbursement shall be allowed except as otherwise allowed by Government Code section 17564.

A. Local Agencies

Government Code section 17557, prior to its amendment by Statutes 1998, chapter 681 (effective September 22, 1998) stated that a test claim must be submitted on or before December 31 following a given fiscal year to establish eligibility for that fiscal year.

Statutes 1978, chapter 77 became effective on January 1, 1979. The test claim was filed on January 2, 1981. Therefore, in accordance with Section 17557, as in effect on the date of the filing of the test claim, all costs incurred by local agencies in compliance with Statutes 1978, chapter 77 are eligible for reimbursement on or after July 1, 1980. The first claim submitted will report costs incurred from July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981.

B. School Districts

California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1185.3, prior to its amendment (effective September 13, 1999), stated that a parameters and guidelines amendment filed after the initial claiming deadline must be submitted on or before November 30 following a fiscal year in order to establish eligibility for reimbursement for that fiscal year. An amendment was filed on August 25, 1997. Therefore, in accordance with Section 1185.3, as in effect on the date of the filing of the parameters and guidelines amendment, all costs incurred by school districts in compliance with Statutes 1978, chapter 77 are eligible for reimbursement on or after July 1, 1996 through September 27, 2002.

Effective September 13, 1999, California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1183.2, states that a parameters and guidelines amendment filed after the initial claiming deadline must be submitted on or before January 15 following a fiscal year in order to establish eligibility for reimbursement for that fiscal year. This amendment, as required by AB 3005, was effective September 28, 2002. Therefore, only those costs incurred by school districts to administer their own election program in compliance with Statutes 1978, chapter 77 are eligible for reimbursement on or after September 28, 2002.

IV. REIMBURSABLE ACTIVITIES

To be eligible for mandated cost reimbursement for any fiscal year, only actual costs may be claimed. Actual costs are those costs actually incurred to implement the mandated activities. Actual costs must be traceable and supported by source documents that show the validity of such costs, when they were incurred, and their relationship to the reimbursable activities. A source document is a document created at or near the same time the actual cost was incurred for the event or activity in question. Source documents may include, but are not limited to, employee time records or time logs, sign-in sheets, invoices, and receipts.

Evidence corroborating the source documents may include, but is not limited to, worksheets, cost allocation reports (system generated), purchase orders, contracts, agendas, training packets, and declarations. Declarations must include a certification or declaration stating, "I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct based upon personal knowledge." Evidence corroborating the source documents may include data relevant to the reimbursable activities otherwise in compliance with local, state, and federal government requirements. However, corroborating documents cannot be substituted for source documents.

The claimant is only allowed to claim and be reimbursed for increased costs for reimbursable activities identified below. Increased cost is limited to the cost of an activity that the claimant is required to incur as a result of the mandate.

For each eligible claimant, these parameters and guidelines shall provide reimbursement only for costs associated with the increase in absentee ballot filings, as determined under the formulas below.

A. Elections Done by the County Election Official and Billed to the Local Agency

Methods 1, 2 and 3, below, are intended for use where a local agency election is done by the county election official and billed to the local agency. When county election officials provide election services to other local agencies, the costs of those billed services pursuant to the Uniform District Election Law (Elections Code section 10500 et seq.) shall not be included in the county's reimbursement claim.

Method 1

This method applies when the county election official does all calculations and provides a billing that distinguishes the reimbursable amount and the non-reimbursable amount billed.

If the county election official determines the claimant's pro rata share of reimbursable costs and reports the pro rata share of these costs in a separate bill or as a line item on a bill, the claimant may claim the amount paid to the county for the reimbursable costs.

Method 2

This method assumes that the percentage increase in absentee ballots is uniform throughout the county, and uses the countywide figures to determine the percentage of reimbursable costs.

1. Obtain data from county election official on the number of reimbursable absentee ballots (n), the number of absentee ballots cast (z) for the fiscal year, and the amount billed to the local agency by the county for total absentee ballot costs.
2. Calculate the Reimbursable Cost Percentage

$$\frac{n}{z} \cdot 100 = \text{Reimbursable Cost Percentage (p)}$$

3. Calculate the Reimbursable Costs

$$\frac{p}{100} \cdot \text{amount billed by county} = \text{Amount of Reimbursable Costs}$$

Method 3

This method is more complex, and requires the local agency to have data on numbers of ballots and absentee ballots filed in the local agency area. It requires the collection of more data, which may or may not be readily available.

1. Base Year Calculation (remains the same for all fiscal years claimed)
 - w) Number of ballots cast in the district or local agency area from January 1, 1975 through December 30, 1978 (w)
 - x) Number of absentee ballots cast in the district or local agency area from January 1, 1975 through December 30, 1978 (x)
2. Calculation for Fiscal Year Claimed (compute for each fiscal year claimed)
 - y) Number of ballots cast in the district or local agency area in fiscal year claimed (y)
 - z) Number of absentee ballots cast in the district or local agency area in fiscal year claimed (z)
3. Formula for Calculating Number of Reimbursable Absentee Ballots Filed

$$z - \frac{(x \cdot y)}{w} = \text{Number of reimbursable absentee ballots (n)}$$
4. Calculation of Reimbursable Cost Percentage

$$\frac{n}{z} \cdot 100 = \text{Reimbursable Cost Percentage (p)}$$
5. Calculation of Reimbursable Costs

$$\frac{p}{100} \cdot \text{amount billed by county} = \text{Amount of Reimbursable Costs}$$

B. Local Agencies or School Districts that Administer their Own Elections

Method 4, below, is intended for use where local agencies and school districts do their own elections and thus have the information on both numbers of ballots and absentee ballots, as well as the per-ballot cost information needed for item 4.

Method 4

1. Base Year Calculation (remains the same for all fiscal years claimed)
 - w) Number of ballots cast in the district or local agency area from January 1, 1975 through December 30, 1978 (w)
 - x) Number of absentee ballots cast in the district or local agency area from January 1, 1975 through December 30, 1978 (x)
2. Calculation for Fiscal Year Claimed (compute for each claim)
 - y) Number of ballots cast in the district or local agency area in fiscal year claimed (y)

z) Number of absentee ballots cast in the district or local agency area in fiscal year claimed (z)

3. Formula for Calculating Number of Reimbursable Absentee Ballots Filed

$$z - \frac{(x \cdot y)}{w} = \text{Number of reimbursable absentee ballots (n)}$$

4. Calculation of Cost Per Absentee Ballot Filing (See section V. Claim Preparation and Submission)

- a. Material \$ _____
- b. Postage \$ _____
- c. Labor \$ _____
- d. Overhead \$ _____
- e. Cost per Absentee Ballot \$ _____
(a+b+c+d)

5. Computation of Reimbursement

- A. Number of reimbursable filings (Item 3)(n) _____
- B. Cost per Absentee Ballot filing (Item 4)(e) \$ _____
- Total Reimbursement (A • B) \$ _____

V. CLAIM PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

Each of the following cost elements must be identified for each reimbursable activity identified in Section IV, Reimbursable Activities, of this document. Each claimed reimbursable cost must be supported by source documentation as described in Section IV. Additionally, each reimbursement claim must be filed in a timely manner.

A. Direct Cost Reporting

Direct costs are those costs incurred specifically for the reimbursable activities. The following direct costs are eligible for reimbursement.

1. Salaries and Benefits

Report each employee implementing the reimbursable activities by name, job classification, and productive hourly rate (total wages and related benefits divided by productive hours). Describe the specific reimbursable activities performed and the hours devoted to each reimbursable activity performed.

2. Materials and Supplies

Report the cost of materials and supplies that have been consumed or expended for the purpose of the reimbursable activities. Purchases shall be claimed at the actual price after deducting discounts, rebates, and allowances received by the claimant. Supplies that are withdrawn from inventory shall be charged on an appropriate and recognized method of costing, consistently applied.

3. Contracted Services

Report the name of the contractor and services performed to implement the reimbursable activities. Attach a copy of the contract to the claim. If the contractor bills for time and materials, report the number of hours spent on the activities and all costs charged. If the contract is a fixed price, report the dates when services were performed and itemize all costs for those services.

4. Fixed Assets and Equipment

Report the purchase price paid for fixed assets and equipment (including computers) necessary to implement the reimbursable activities. The purchase price includes taxes, delivery costs, and installation costs. If the fixed asset or equipment is also used for purposes other than the reimbursable activities, only the pro-rata portion of the purchase price used to implement the reimbursable activities can be claimed.

5. Travel

Report the name of the employee traveling for the purpose of the reimbursable activities. Include the date of travel, destination point, the specific reimbursable activity requiring travel, and related travel expenses reimbursed to the employee in compliance with the rules of the local jurisdiction. Report employee travel time according to the rules of cost element A.1, Salaries and Benefits, for each applicable reimbursable activity.

B. Indirect Cost Rates

Indirect costs are costs that are incurred for a common or joint purpose, benefiting more than one program, and are not directly assignable to a particular department or program without efforts disproportionate to the result achieved. Indirect costs may include both (1) overhead costs of the unit performing the mandate; and (2) the costs of the central government services distributed to the other departments based on a systematic and rational basis through a cost allocation plan.

Local Agencies

Compensation for indirect costs is eligible for reimbursement utilizing the procedure provided in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-87. Claimants have the option of using 10% of direct labor, excluding fringe benefits, or preparing an Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) if the indirect cost rate claimed exceeds 10%.

If the claimant chooses to prepare an ICRP, both the direct costs (as defined and described in OMB Circular A-87 Attachments A and B) and the indirect costs shall exclude capital expenditures and unallowable costs (as defined and described in OMB A-87 Attachments A and B). However, unallowable costs must be included in the direct costs if they represent activities to which indirect costs are properly allocable.

The distribution base may be (1) total direct costs (excluding capital expenditures and other distorting items, such as pass-through funds, major subcontracts, etc.), (2) direct salaries and wages, or (3) another base which results in an equitable distribution.

In calculating an ICRP, the Claimant shall have the choice of one of the following methodologies:

1. The allocation of allowable indirect costs (as defined and described in OMB Circular A-87 Attachments A and B) shall be accomplished by (1) classifying a department's total costs for the base period as either direct or indirect, and (2) dividing the total allowable indirect costs (net of applicable credits) by an equitable distribution base. The result of this process is an indirect cost rate which is used to distribute indirect costs to mandates. The rate should be expressed as a percentage which the total amount allowable indirect costs bears to the base selected; or
2. The allocation of allowable indirect costs (as defined and described in OMB Circular A-87 Attachments A and B) shall be accomplished by (1) separating a department into groups, such as divisions or sections, and then classifying the division's or section's total costs for the base period as either direct or indirect, and (2) dividing the total allowable indirect costs (net of applicable credits) by an equitable distribution base. The result of this process is an indirect cost rate that is used to distribute indirect costs to mandates. The rate should be expressed as a percentage which the total amount allowable indirect costs bears to the base selected.

School Districts

School districts must use the J-380 (or subsequent replacement) non-restrictive indirect cost rate provisionally approved by the California Department of Education.

County offices of education must use the J-580 (or subsequent replacement) non-restrictive indirect cost rate provisionally approved by the California Department of Education.

Community colleges have the option of using: (1) a federally approved rate, utilizing the cost accounting principles from the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21, "Cost Principles of Educational Institutions"; (2) the rate calculated on State Controller's Form FAM-29C; or (3) a 7% indirect cost rate.

VI. RECORD RETENTION

Pursuant to Government Code section 17558.5, subdivision (a), a reimbursement claim for actual costs filed by a local agency or school district pursuant to this chapter³ is subject to the initiation of an audit by the Controller no later than three years after the date that the actual reimbursement claim is filed or last amended, whichever is later. However, if no funds are appropriated or no payment is made to a claimant for the program for the fiscal year for which the claim is filed, the time for the Controller to initiate an audit shall commence to run from the date of initial payment of the claim. All documents used to support the reimbursable activities, as described in Section IV, must be retained during the period subject to audit. If an audit has been initiated by

³ This refers to Title 2, division 4, part 7, chapter 4 of the Government Code.

the Controller during the period subject to audit, the retention period is extended until the ultimate resolution of any audit findings.

VII. OFFSETTING SAVINGS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Any offsetting savings the claimant experiences in the same program as a result of the same statutes or executive orders found to contain the mandate shall be deducted from the costs claimed. In addition, reimbursement for this mandate from any source, including but not limited to, services fees collected, federal funds, and other state funds, shall be identified and deducted from this claim.

VIII. STATE CONTROLLER'S CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS

Pursuant to Government Code section 17558, subdivision (b), the Controller shall issue claiming instructions for each mandate that requires state reimbursement not later than 60 days after receiving the adopted parameters and guidelines from the Commission, to assist local agencies and school districts in claiming costs to be reimbursed. The claiming instructions shall be derived from the statute or executive order creating the mandate and the parameters and guidelines adopted by the Commission.

Pursuant to Government Code section 17561, subdivision (d)(1), issuance of the claiming instructions shall constitute a notice of the right of the local agencies and school districts to file reimbursement claims, based upon parameters and guidelines adopted by the Commission.

IX. REMEDIES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Upon request of a local agency or school district, the Commission shall review the claiming instructions issued by the State Controller or any other authorized state agency for reimbursement of mandated costs pursuant to Government Code section 17571. If the Commission determines that the claiming instructions do not conform to the parameters and guidelines, the Commission shall direct the Controller to modify the claiming instructions and the Controller shall modify the claiming instructions to conform to the parameters and guidelines as directed by the Commission.

In addition, requests may be made to amend parameters and guidelines pursuant to Government Code section 17557, subdivision (a), and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1183.2.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS CLAIM FOR PAYMENT			For State Controller Use Only	PROGRAM 170
			(19) Program Number 00170 (20) Date Filed (21) LRS Input	
(01) Claimant Identification Number			Reimbursement Claim Data	
(02) Claimant Name			(22) FORM 1, (03)(a)	
County of Location			(23) FORM 1, (03)(b)	
Street Address or P.O. Box		Suite	(24) FORM 1, (03)(c)	
City	State	Zip Code	(25) FORM 1, (03)(d)	
		Type of Claim	(26) FORM 1, (05)	
	(03)	(09) Reimbursement <input type="checkbox"/>	(27) FORM 1, (06)	
	(04)	(10) Combined <input type="checkbox"/>	(28) FORM 1, (07)	
	(05)	(11) Amended <input type="checkbox"/>	(29) FORM 1, (09)	
Fiscal Year of Cost	(06)	(12)	(30) FORM 1, (10)	
Total Claimed Amount	(07)	(13)	(31) FORM 1, (14)	
Less: 10% Late Penalty (refer to attached Instructions)		(14)	(32)	
Less: Prior Claim Payment Received		(15)	(33)	
Net Claimed Amount		(16)	(34)	
Due from State	(08)	(17)	(35)	
Due to State		(18)	(36)	
(37) CERTIFICATION OF CLAIM				
<p>In accordance with the provisions of Government Code Sections 17560 and 17561, I certify that I am the officer authorized by the school district or county office of education to file mandated cost claims with the State of California for this program, and certify under penalty of perjury that I have not violated any of the provisions of Article 4, Chapter 1 of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code.</p> <p>I further certify that there was no application other than from the claimant, nor any grant(s) or payment(s) received, for reimbursement of costs claimed herein; claimed costs are for a new program or increased level of services of an existing program; and claimed amounts do not include charter school costs, either directly or through a third party. All offsetting revenues and reimbursements set forth in the parameters and guidelines are identified, and all costs claimed are supported by source documentation currently maintained by the claimant.</p> <p>The amount for this reimbursement is hereby claimed from the State for payment of actual costs set forth on the attached statements.</p> <p>I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.</p>				
Signature of Authorized Officer _____				
Date Signed _____				
Telephone Number _____				
E-mail Address _____				
Type or Print Name and Title of Authorized Signatory _____				
(38) Name of Agency Contact Person for Claim _____				
Telephone Number _____				
E-mail Address _____				
Name of Consulting Firm / Claim Preparer _____				
Telephone Number _____				
E-mail Address _____				

PROGRAM 170	ABSENTEE BALLOTS CLAIM FOR PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS	FORM FAM-27
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- (01) Enter the claimant identification number assigned by the State Controller's Office.
- (02) Enter claimant official name, county of location, street or postal office box address, city, State, and zip code.
- (03) to (08) Leave blank.
- (09) If filing a reimbursement claim, enter an "X" in the box on line (09) Reimbursement.
- (10) If filing a combined reimbursement claim on behalf of districts within the county, enter an "X" in the box on line (10) Combined.
- (11) If filing an amended reimbursement claim, enter an "X" in the box on line (11) Amended.
- (12) Enter the fiscal year for which actual costs are being claimed. If actual costs for more than one fiscal year are being claimed, complete a separate Form FAM-27 for each fiscal year.
- (13) Enter the amount of the reimbursement claim as shown in the attached Form 1 line (11). The total claimed amount must exceed \$1,000; minimum claim must be \$1,001.
- (14) Initial claims must be filed as specified in the claiming instructions. Annual reimbursement claims must be filed by **February 15** of the following fiscal year in which costs were incurred or the claims must be reduced by a late penalty. Enter zero if the claim was filed on time. Otherwise, enter the penalty amount as a result of the calculation formula as follows:
- Late Initial Claims: Form FAM-27 line (13) multiplied by 10%, without limitation; or
 - Late Annual Reimbursement Claims: Form FAM-27, line (13) multiplied by 10%, late penalty not to exceed \$10,000.
- (15) Enter the amount of payment, if any, received for the claim. If no payment was received, enter zero.
- (16) Enter the net claimed amount by subtracting the sum of lines (14) and (15) from line (13).
- (17) If line (16), Net Claimed Amount, is positive, enter that amount on line (17), Due from State.
- (18) If line (16), Net Claimed Amount, is negative, enter that amount on line (18), Due to State.
- (19) to (21) Leave blank.
- (22) to (36) Bring forward the cost information as specified on the left-hand column of lines (22) through (36) for the reimbursement claim, e.g., Form 1, (03)(a), means the information is located on Form 1, line (03)(a). Enter the information on the same line but in the right-hand column. Cost information should be rounded to the nearest dollar, i.e., no cents. Indirect costs percentage should be shown as a whole number and without the percent symbol, i.e., 7.548% should be shown as 8. **Completion of this data block will expedite the process.**
- (37) Read the statement of Certification of Claim. The claim must be dated, signed by the agency's authorized officer, and must type or print name, title, date signed, telephone number and e-mail address. **Claims cannot be paid unless accompanied by an original signed certification. (Please sign the Form FAM-27 in blue ink and attach the copy to the top of the claim package.)**
- (38) Enter the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the agency contact person for the claim. If the claim was prepared by a consultant, type or print the name of the consulting firm, the claim preparer, telephone number, and e-mail address.

SUBMIT A SIGNED ORIGINAL FORM FAM-27 AND ONE COPY WITH ALL OTHER FORMS TO:

Address, if delivered by U.S. Postal Service:

**OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER
 ATTN: Local Reimbursements Section
 Division of Accounting and Reporting
 P.O. Box 942850
 Sacramento, CA 94250**

Address, if delivered by other delivery service:

**OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER
 ATTN: Local Reimbursements Section
 Division of Accounting and Reporting
 3301 C Street, Suite 700
 Sacramento, CA 95816**

PROGRAM 170	ABSENTEE BALLOTS CLAIM SUMMARY					FORM 1	
(01) Claimant			(02) Fiscal Year 20____/20____				
Method 4: This method requires the agency to have data on the number of ballots and absentee ballots filed.							
(03) (a) Number of ballots cast from 01/01/75 through 12/30/78							
(b) Number of absentee ballots cast from 01/01/75 through 12/30/78							
(c) Number of ballots cast in the fiscal year of claim							
(d) Number of absentee ballots cast in the fiscal year of claim							
Direct Costs		Object Accounts					
		(a) Salaries and Benefits	(b) Materials and Supplies	(c) Contract Services	(d) Fixed Assets	(e) Travel	(f) Total
(04) Total Cost of Absentee Ballots in the Fiscal Year of Claim							
(05) Total Direct Costs [The sum of line (04)(a) through (04)(e)]							
(06) Indirect Cost Rate [Refer to Claim Summary Instructions]						%	
(07) Total Indirect Costs [Refer to Claim Summary Instructions]							
(08) Total Direct and Indirect Costs [Line (05)(f) + line (07)]							
Cost Reduction							
(09) Less Offsetting Revenues							
(10) Less: Other Reimbursements							
(11) Net Costs [Line (08) – {line (09) + line (10)}]							
(12) Cost per Absentee Ballot in Fiscal Year of Claim [Line (11) ÷ line (03)(d)]							
(13) Number of Additional Absentee Ballot Filings [Line (03)(d) – {line (03)(b) x line (03)(c) ÷ line (03)(a)}]							
(14) Total Cost of Additional Absentee Ballot Filings [Line (12) x line (13)]							

PROGRAM 170	ABSENTEE BALLOTS CLAIM SUMMARY INSTRUCTIONS	FORM 1
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- (01) Enter the name of the claimant.
- (02) Enter the fiscal year in which costs were incurred.
- (03) (a) Enter the number of ballots cast from January 1, 1975, through December 30, 1978.
 (b) Enter the number of absentee ballots cast from January 1, 1975, through December 30, 1978.
 (c) Enter the number of ballots cast in the fiscal year of claim.
 (d) Enter the number of absentee ballots cast in the fiscal year of claim.
- (04) Enter the total costs from Form 2, line (05)(d) through (h) to Form 1, block (04), columns (a) through (e).
- (05) Enter the sum of line (04)(a) through (04)(e).
- (06) Enter the indirect cost rate from the California Department of Education approved indirect cost rate for the year that funds are expended.
- (07) From the Total Direct Costs, line (05)(f), deduct Total Fixed Assets, line (04)(d), and any other item excluded from indirect cost distribution base in accordance with CSAM Procedure 915. Enter zero if there are no exclusions. Multiply the result by the Indirect Cost Rate, line (06).
- (08) Enter the sum of line (05)(f) and line (07).
- (09) If applicable, enter any revenue received by the claimant for this mandate from any state or federal source.
- (10) If applicable, enter the amount of other reimbursements received from any source including, but not limited to, service fees collected, federal funds, and other state funds that reimbursed any portion of the mandated cost program. Submit a schedule detailing the reimbursement sources and amounts.
- (11) Subtract the sum of Offsetting Revenues, line (09), and Other Reimbursements, line (10), from Total Direct and Indirect Costs, line (08). Enter the remainder on this line.
- (12) Enter the result of dividing the Net Costs, line (11) by the number of absentee ballots cast in the fiscal year of claim, line (03)(d).
- (13) Enter the difference between the number of absentee ballots cast in the fiscal year of claim, line (03)(d) and the quotient from dividing the product of line (03)(b) and line (03)(c) by line (03)(a).
- (14) Enter the product of multiplying line (12) by line (13) and carry this amount forward to Form FAM 27, line (13) for the reimbursement claim.

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PROGRAM 170	ABSENTEE BALLOTS ACTIVITY COST DETAIL INSTRUCTIONS	FORM 2
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- (01) Enter the name of the claimant.
- (02) Enter the fiscal year for which costs were incurred.
- (03) No entry required.
- (04) The following table identifies the type of information required to support reimbursable costs. To detail costs for the activity box checked in block (03), enter the employee names, position titles, a brief description of the activities performed, actual time spent by each employee, productive hourly rates, fringe benefits, materials and supplies used, contract services and travel. **The descriptions required in column (4)(a) must be of sufficient detail to explain the cost of activities or items being claimed.** For audit purposes, all supporting documents must be retained by the claimant for a period of not less than three years after the date the claim was filed or last amended, whichever is later. If no funds were appropriated or no payment was made at the time the claim was filed, the time for the Controller to initiate an audit will be from the date of initial payment of the claim. Such documents must be made available to the SCO on request.

Object/ Sub object Accounts	Columns								Submit supporting documents with the claim
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	
Salaries and Benefits	Employee Name and Title	Hourly Rate	Hours Worked	Salaries = Hourly Rate x Hours Worked					
	Activities Performed	Benefit Rate		Benefits = Benefit Rate x Salaries					
Materials and Supplies	Description of Supplies Used	Unit Cost	Quantity Used		Cost = Unit Cost x Quantity Used				
Contract Services	Name of Contractor Specific Tasks Performed	Hourly Rate	Hours Worked Inclusive Dates of Service			Cost=Hourly Rate x Hours Worked or Total Contract Cost			Copy of Contract and Invoices
Fixed Assets	Description of Equipment Purchased	Unit Cost	Usage				Cost= Unit Cost x Usage		
Travel	Purpose of Trip Name and Title Departure and Return Date	Per Diem Rate Mileage Rate Travel Cost	Days Miles Travel Mode					Cost = Rate x Days or Miles or Total Travel Cost	

- (05) Total line (04), columns (d) through (h) and enter the sum on this line. Check the appropriate box to indicate if the amount is a total or subtotal. If more than one form is needed to detail the activity costs, number each page. Enter totals from line (05), columns (d) through (h) to Form 1, block (04), columns (a) through (e) in the appropriate row.